

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 18-20, 23-24, 26-37, and 39-45 are pending in the application, of which independent claims 18 and 37 are being amended under Rule 312. The claim amendments add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested:

Claim 18 is being amended to convert kPa measurements to psi, and micrometer measurements to microinches to make the measurement units of the claims more consistent with the measurement units used in the Specification.

Claim 37 is being amended to recite that the titanium metal coating is a twin-wire arc sprayed coating having a thickness. This is supported at least by the Specification at page 15, lines 6-21.

The above claim amendments are being provided to correct obvious errors or to improve the claim language cosmetically and therefore do not affect the scope of the claims. Thus, the scope of the doctrine of equivalents applied to these claims should not be limited under the rules of *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 535 U.S. 722, 2002 Lexis 3818 (May 28, 2002).

CONCLUSION

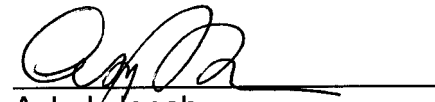
Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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